GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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REVISION IN INDIAN MEDICAL COUNCIL ACT
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the major revision of Indian Medical Council Act and other related laws;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to introduce a Bill in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d): A Bill to amend the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 26.8.1987. The Bill was referred to the Joint Committee of both the Houses of Parliament (JPC) which presented its Report on 28th July, 1989. The Government have not yet moved for consideration of the Bill by the Rajya Sabha as reported by the JPC. However, the Act is amended whenever necessary, like in the year 1993 to provide for opening of new medical college and new course of study in medicine after obtaining the permission of the Central Government and again in the year 2001 to provide for screening test for the Indian nationals holding foreign medical qualifications for their registration to practice medicine in India.